#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEAN MICHAEL RYAN, PLAINTIFF.

CASE NO. 2:19 -CV- 12286 HON. VICTORIA A. ROBERTS

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Michigan Dept. Of Corr. et.al, DEFENDANTS.

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE AMENDED COMPLAINT UNDER R.R.C.P. 15 (d)

Plaintiff hereby moves to supplement his amended complaint under F.R.C.P.

15(d) To provide:(1) An additional claim of violation of clearly established first amendment law as established in the UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT CASE BOUNDS V

SMITH 97 SCT 1491. To include an additional claim for relief,(2) Plaintiff will also provide further proof of exaustion of the issues in this case,(3) and lastly Plaintiff will Provide Proof that the Defendants actions in denying Plaintiff sufficient paper to draft the initial Complaint and court ordered amended complaint prejudiced Plaintiff as required because the Plaintiffs 1983 medical claim (Case # 2:20 - cv - 1502 was actually dismissed.

Date 2/23/22

Respectfully,

SEAN RYAN #787263

JCF

3500 N. ELM

JACKSON, MI. 49201

POOR QUALITY ORIGINALS

#### ISSUE ONE

# PLAINTIFFS ADDITIONAL CLAIM OF VIOLATION OF BOUNDS V SMITH 97 SCT 1491

Plaintiff has been charged (as a debit on his account) for almost every piece of paper, pen, envelope, notary service and all postage to the courts since comming into MDOC custody, Plaintiff now has almost \$13,000.00 in such charged debt on his inmate account.

In the UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT CASE <u>BOUNDS V SMITH 97 SCT 1491</u> The Court Held That "As a component of the State's obligation to ensure meaningful access to the Courts, "indigant immates <u>MUST BE PROVIDED AT STATE EXPENSE</u> with paper and pen to draft legal documents with notarial services to authenticate them, and with stamps to mail them." The Defendants And unknown others have instead of Providing the Supplies "at state expense" have engaged in a Policy, practice, custom and or procedure of charging an inmate for these items thus burying the already indigent inmate under a mountain of Debt. This is done as a means and or tool to attempt Dissuade Inmates including the Plaintift from litigating valid constitutional claims. chargeing the cost of such items to the inmate including the plaintift by having a "prisoner benifit fund" pay for the cost then requiring that the inmate reimburse the expense by placing a debt on the inmates account is not providing the supplies "at state expense" as the plain language of the United States Supreme Court stated. "at state expense" is exactly that the State is required to pay for the items postage and notary services.

Plaintiff has fully exhausted this issue (see exhibit A-1 & 2) Plaintiffs exhausted step 3 grievance identifier number JCF/21/03/42627b.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

Plaintiff hereby requests the following relief:

- 1) all of the debts to plaintiffs inmate account for the paper, pens, and legal envelopes as well as the notary services and legal postage be removed from plaintiffs account and that Plaintiff not be charged for such items in the future. as long as he is considered indigent.
- 2) Punative damages for emotional and mental stress from being forced into pauper status due to the unconstitutional charges On Plaintiffs inmate account. In the Ammount of \$10.00 per day from 12/29/10 to date.
- 3) Any other relief the court see fit to grant.

#### SECOND ISSUE

#### PLAINTIFFS FURTHER PRROF OF EXAUSTION

As Part of his response to The Defendants claim of failure to exaust PlaintiffProvides the following prrofs:

- 1) B 1 & 2 showing that Plaintiffs retalation claims are fully exausted.
- 2) Exhibits C-1 through C -24 proving complete exaustion of the denial of supplies issue as well as nameing of the defendants

#### ISSUE THREE

UNDENIABLE PROOF THAT THE DEFENDANTS ACTIONS IN DENYING THE PLAINTIFF

THE PAPER HE REQUESTED CAUSED HIS 1983 CLAIM TO BE DISMISSED

THUS DEMONSTRATING THE PREJUDICE NEEDED TO PROVE PLAINTIFF"S DENIAL OF

ACCESS TO THE COURT'S CLAIM.

Plaintiffs main claim in this instant case is that the Defendants repeatedly interfered with His access to the Court's right Granted to him by the First amendment by refusing to provide the paper and other legal supplies Plaintiff needed to Properly draft and file the 1983 denial of medical care claim (case Number 2:20 -cv- 1502), That Plaintiff was Pursuing. this Claim included as a part of it a claim Of conspiracy which requires that Plaintiff provide a list of factual actions each individual defendant had taken as a part of the conspiracy. There are 429 Defendants in that case thus Plaintiff would have needed approximately 4 pages for each of these defendants Just to comply with the requirements of a conspiracy claim. 4x429=1,716. That is to say that Plaintitt would have Needed 1,/16 pages or paper just to meet the pleading requirements or a Conspiracy claim which are outlined in the case HOOKS V HOOKS //1 F.2D 935,943-44(bth cir. 1985. WHICH HELD "Moreover to state a conspiracy claim under §1983, a Plaintiff must show: (1) a single plan, (2) that the alleged co-conspirator shared in the general conspiratorial objective, and (3) that an overt act was committed in furtherance of the conspiracy that deprived the Plaintiff of his or her civil rights. "Further a Plaintiff must Plead the conspiracy with some specificity" MOLDOWAN V CITY OF WARREN 578 t. 3d 351, 395(6th cir 2009)

This requires that the Plaintiff make a short statement of each overt act one of the 429 defendants in the Above mentioned 1983 claim that Plaintiff was attemptiong to bring which as plaintiff stated above would have required at least

1,700 pages without those supplies Plaintiff was unable to (1) show the overt acts of each defendant in engaging in the conspiracy, (2) and this also prevented Plaintiff from showing the the Plan as to a particular defendant or all the defendants.

fact the Court in case #2:20 -cv- 1502 specifically stated at page id 1275 of ECF No 23 (see attachment D 1-8)Had Plaintiff been provided the Paper that he was requesting he would have been able to Meet all of the Progs and requirements that the Judge in Case #2:20 -cv- 1502. To make matters worse The Judge IN case #2:20 -cv- 1502 ordered Plaintiff to file an amended complaint (to correct the errors in Plaintiffs initial complaint) within 60 days of the order shown in exhibit E 1- 5. and when the Plaintiff showed the order to the Defendants they said they did not care and would not provide more then 10 pages of paper a week. in 60 days that would be only 600 pages and it was not enough to meet the requirements of showing the overt actions and facts as required by law.

Finally while Plaintiff struggled to complete the amended complaint the deadline expired and the Curt issued an order to show cause and denying the out standing motions (See exhibit F - 1-2. in response Plaintiff filed the partially complete amended complaint. and as a result the Court dismissed the Complaint in case # 2:20 -cv- 1502. see exhibit D 1-7. Plaintiff could not even get copies of the amended complaint for service on the defendants see Exhibit E page 1 note 1. For the reasons and evidence Plaintiff has provided Plaintiff belives this shows an intentional interference with Plaintiffs valid 8th amendment and Mich. constutional art 1§16 claims for conspiratorial depravation of required medical care and infliction of pain and suffering.

The detendants were at all time aware of what the Medical case was about and took steps to intentionally cause Plaintiffs claims to fail.

Had the Detendants supplied the required Paper Plaintiff would have meet the

rrequirements of rule 8 and the conspiracy requirements. but was prevented maliciously by the detendants.

and these newly aquired exhibits prove that Plaintitts 1st amendment right to caccess the courts was violated by the detendants.

#### **CLOSTING**

In closing Plaintiff prays the Court allows this supplement.

Date 2/24/22

Respectfully,

SEAN RYAN #78/263

JCF.

3500 N. ELM

JACKSON, MI. 49201

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

The Undersigned hereby swears under penalty of perjury that on 2/21/22, he placed into the mail VIA the Prison's expedited legal mail system, with First class postage, The included: Motion to supplement the amended complaint to be mailed to the Court and with copies to The Defendants Attorney of record: JOSEPH Y. H (P77390) at P.O.BOX 30217, Lansing, MI. 48909

Respectfully submitted,

Date 2/21/22

SEAN MICHAEL RYAN #787263

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION: LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTO N
DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #: 1254-85

27B

To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

**Current Facility:** 

JCF

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Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-03-0426-27B

Step III Received:

3/25/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

#### THE REJECTION IS UPHELD.

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

CC: Warden, Current Facility:

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #: 125496

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To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

**Current Facility:** 

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-03-0428-28C

Step III Received:

3/25/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

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GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION: LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

Rec #:

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STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Ryan

#: 787263

**Current Facility:** 

To Prisoner:

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-03-0477-28C

Step III Received:

4/1/2021

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

CC: Warden, Current Facility:

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STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #: 119068

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To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

**Current Facility:** 

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-20-07-1463-28I

Step III Received:

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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

128074

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To Prisoner:

GRETCHEN WHITMER

**GOVERNOR** 

Ryan

#: 787263

Current Facility:

**JCF** 

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0619-14D

Step III Received:

6/24/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances". Upon examination it has been determined that your issue was in fact considered, investigated, and a proper decision was rendered.

#### THE STEP III APPEAL IS DENIED.

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Date Mailed:

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

cc: Warden, Filing Facility: JUF

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

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To Prisoner

Ryan #-787263

Current-Facility

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0623-14D

Step III Received:

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

6/14/2021

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Date Mailed:

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

GRETCHEN WHITMER **GOVERNOR** 

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

127890

14D

-To Prisoner: #:: 787263

Current Facility JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0659-14D

Step Ⅲ Received:

6/14/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances". Upon examination it has been determined that your issue was in fact considered, investigated, and a proper decision was rendered.

# THE STEP III APPEAL IS DENIED.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance

Date Mailed:

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Section, Office of Legal Affairs

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GRETCHEN WHITMER GOVERNOR

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

127891

14F

To Prisoner Ryan --- Ryan --- #: -787263

Current Facility

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0660-14E

Step III Received:

6/14/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances". Upon examination it has been determined that your issue was in fact considered, investigated, and a proper decision was rendered.

THE STEP III APPEAL IS DENIED.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance

Date Mailed:

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Section, Office of Legal Affairs

cc: Warden, Filing Facility: JCF

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**STEP III** — Director's Response is attached as a separate sheet.



#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER **GOVERNOR** 

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION LANSING

HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

126646

28A

To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

Current Facility:

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0621-28A

Step III Received:

5/3/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

#### THE REJECTION IS UPHELD.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION LANSING

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STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

126647 28A

To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

**Current Facility:** 

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0622-28A

Step III Received:

5/3/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

#### THE REJECTION IS UPHELD.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

JUL 26 2021

Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION: LANSING HEIDI E. WASHINGTON DIRECTOR

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To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

Current Facility:

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Step III Received:

5/3/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

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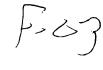
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STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #: 132192

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To Prisoner:

Ryan

#: 787263

Current Facility:

JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-12-2171-28B

Step III Received:

1/10/2022

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances".

#### THE REJECTION IS UPHELD.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. FEB 0 7 2022

Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

CC: Warden, Current Facility:

Warden, Grieved Facility:

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

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STEP III GRIEVANCE DECISION

Rec #:

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To Prisoner #: 787263

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Current Facility: JCF

Grievance Identifier:

JCF-21-04-0619-14D

Step III Received:

6/24/2021

Your Step III appeal has been reviewed and considered by the Grievance Section of the Office of Legal Affairs in accordance with PD 03.02.130, "Prisoner/Parolee Grievances". Upon examination it has been determined that your issue was in fact considered, investigated, and a proper decision was rendered.

THE STEP III APPEAL IS DENIED.

THIS DECISION CANNOT BE APPEALED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

Date Mailed:

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Richard D. Russell, Manager Grievance Section, Office of Legal Affairs

cc: Warden, Filing Facility:

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to comply with the statue of limmitations on this claim putting my lawsuit in jepordy of being dismissed.

to grieven ence coordinator

from Seen Ryen 787263 f - 7 9/11/28

spoke to librarian ELUM on 9/10/20 claim. meaning i need enough supplies to supplement the initial complaint with 8,220 addiational claims of violation of my constitutional rights. librarian elum I was already forced to file an incomplete complaint with the court and now need to provide me with anymore because i was just filing lies anyway. this is a delibrate i was being provided and librarian elum told me that she was not going to peoceas I spoke to librarian alum on 9/10/20 concerning the insuficent legal supplies  $\mathcal{C}-\mathcal{I}$   $\mathcal{A}$ in my initial complaint, and 5 claim of constituitonal violations that stem from each file a supplement to finnish out the claims against 366 people. there are 1644 facts requiring her to provide me with sufficent supplies to file the initial complaint. interference with my right to access the court as well as a violation of the policy ..... in the part of determine what i but in my leasuit or

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION



SEAN MICHAEL RYAN, #787263,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2:20-CV-12502 HONORABLE SEAN F. COX

MICHIGAN, et al.,

v.

Defendants.

# OPINION AND ORDER DISMISSING AMENDED CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

#### I. Introduction

This is a pro se civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Michigan prisoner Sean Michael Ryan ("Plaintiff") initially filed a nearly 700-page complaint challenging the medical care, pain treatment, and accommodations that he has received in multiple state prisons over the last 10 years. He named more than 360 defendants, including the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Corrections ("MDOC"), Corizon Healthcare, current and former MDOC directors, prison wardens, prison employees, and medical personnel, and sought injunctive relief and monetary damages. ECF No. 1. The Court granted him leave to proceed without prepayment of the fees and costs for this action. ECF No. 10.

In February, 2021, the Court issued a deficiency order informing Plaintiff that his complaint failed to comply with Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and giving him 60 days to file an amended complaint that complies with Rule 8(a) or face dismissal of his case. ECF No. 11. Plaintiff did not do so. Rather he filed several motions complaining about his inability to obtain supplies and make copies in order to file an amended complaint and seeking a continuance; a topology are restraining order, and/or the appointment of counsels EGF Nos 13:15:16, 17-18. On

October 5, 2021, the Court issued a show cause order requiring Plaintiff to either show cause why this case should not be dismissed based upon his failure to correct the deficiency or file an amended complaint (which would supercede the original complaint) that complies with Rule 8(a) within 60 days. The Court also denied the outstanding motions without prejudice. ECF No. 20.

Shortly thereafter, the Court received an amended complaint dated September 29, 2021. ECF No. 21. In his amended complaint, which is nearly 350 pages with exhibits, Plaintiff alleges that the defendants conspired to deny him proper medical care and accommodations at 12 different prisons over the last 12 years. He names 429 defendants, including the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Corrections ("MDOC"), Corizon Healthcare, current and former MDOC directors, prison wardens, prison employees, and medical personnel, and sues them in their official and individual capacities. He seeks various forms of injunctive relief and monetary damages. *Id*.<sup>1</sup>

#### II. Discussion

Under the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1996 ("PLRA"), the Court is required to *sua sponte* dismiss an *in forma pauperis* complaint before service on a defendant if it determines that the action is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(c); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). The Court is similarly required to dismiss a complaint seeking redress against government entities, officers, and employees which is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. A complaint is frivolous if it lacks an arguable basis in law or in fact. *Denton v. Hernandez*, 504 U.S. 25, 31 (1992); *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989).

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The Court notes that Plaintiff did not provide copies for service upon the 429 defendants.

520-21 (1972). Nonetheless, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires that a complaint set forth.

"a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief," as well as "a definant for the relief sought." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2), (3). The purpose of this rule is to "give the defendant fair notice of what the claim is and the grounds upon which it rests." Bell Atlantic Corp.

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"Factual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative level on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true (even if doubtful in fact)." Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555-56 (citations and footnote omitted).

To state a civil right's claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that: (1) he was depicted of a right privilege, or immunity secured by the federal Constitution of laws of the United 1 and (2) the deprivation was caused by a person acting under color of state law. Flagg Bros. 1 43644. S. 149-155-57 (1978); Harris v. Circleville, 583 F.3d 356-364 (6th Cir. 2009). A plaintiff must allege that the deprivation of rights was intentional. Davidson v.

Plaintiff's amended complaint suffers from the same Rule 8 problem as his initial complaint, and, at the same time, also fails to allege sufficient facts to state a claim upon which relief may be granted against each of the defendants. As noted, Plaintiff's amended complaint with attachments consist of nearly 350 pages, names 429 defendants (even more than his initial complaint), alleges a conspiracy claim involving his medical care and accommodations at 12 prisons, and spans a 12-

year period (from 2010 to the present). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), however, requires that a complaint set forth "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled / to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). A complaint violates Rule 8(a) and is subject to dismissal when it; is so verbose that the Court cannot identify with clarity the claim(s) of the pleader and adjudicate such claim(s) understandingly on the merits. Harrell v. Directors of Bureau of Narcotics & Dangel out Drugs 70 F.R.D. 444, 446 (E.D. Tenn. 1975); see also Plymale v. Freenian 930 F.2d 919-1991 WIE-34882 11 (6th Cill April 12, 1991) (district court did not abuse its discretion in dismi rambling 119-page complaint); Smith v. Smith; No. 06-11738, 2006 WE3511565, \*4-6 (E.D. With Dec. 3, 2006) (adopting magistrate judge's report and dismissing prisoner civil rights complaint to railure to comply with Rule 8(a)(2)); accord Flayler v. Wisconsin Dep. r of Corr., 16 F. Apr. \$07.509 (7th Cir. 2001) (dismissing 116-page complaint pursuant to Rule 8(a)(2)); Vicom, 1 briage Merchant Sys., Inc., 20 F.3d 771, 775-76 (7th Cir. 1994) (criticizing district court for dealining to dismiss amended complaint with prejudice pursuant to Rule 8(a) and noting that "[a] complaint that is proling and/or confusing makes it difficult for the defendant to file a responsive Conting and makes it difficult for the trial court to conduct orderly litigation); Jennings y Emry, stating that a complaint "must be presented with clarity cingles it to forever sift through its pages"); Nebraska State Bar Ass'n, 717 F. 2d 437, 438-39 (8th Cir. 1983) (per curiam) (affirming discussion of these pleadings would have made ar or o'criy irial impossible").

affitiff's amended complaint against 429 defendants at 12 prisons alleging a conspiracy of the long of the latter and accommodation over a 12-year period fails to comply with Rule 8(a).

While the amended complaint now rests on a conspiracy theory, to review such a elaim against so

many defendants at so many prisons over such a lengthy period of time would require delying into each defendant's conduct and a myriad of dates and events which would be difficult, if not impossible; to review.

Moreover, to state a conspiracy claim under § 1983, a plaintiff must show: (1) a single plan, (2) that the alleged co-conspirator shared in the general conspiratorial objective, and (3) that an overtage committed in furtherance of the conspiracy that deprived the plaintiff of his or her civil this. Hooks v. Hooks, 771 F.2d 935, 943-44 (6th Cir. 1985); see also Memphis, TN Area Eocal (Cir. Of Memphis, 361 F.3d 898, 905 (6th Cir. 2004). A plaintiff must plead the conspiracy with some specificity. Moldowan v. City of Warren, 578 F.3d 351, 395 (6th Cir. 2009).

that the defendants had a single plan to exclude/cover up the existence of his previously diagnosedy conditions and to deprive him of medical care and accommodation, ECF No. 21-17 PageID 1032. In does not allege facts showing any such plan as to any particular defendant or all the defendants. Note the less, even if Plaintiff's allegations of a common plan are sufficient his allegations as to the other two elements are insufficient. While Plaintiff alleges that the defendants shared in the general/conspiratorial objective by taking or not taking certain actions as a factor of the was faking illness, providing inadequate exams, refusing to implement treatment, providing inoffective treatment, providing inadequate exams, refusing to implement treatment, providing inoffective treatment failing to provide care and accommodation, ignoring his complaints failing to the conspiratorial did or did not do when or where those actions of inactions occurred that any the defendant find a shared objective or any other details of his broad-based allegations.

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denying medical care, and by falsifying his medical records, he fails to provide any specific facts. It of such conduct as to any particular defendant, let alone each of the defendants. Id. at PageID:1036-1037. Haintiff's conspiracy allegations are conclusory as to each of the named defendants. Conclusory allegations are insufficient to state a civil rights claim under § 1983, Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 678; Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555-57; Crawford-El v. Britton, 523 U.S. 574, 588 (1998); Moldowan, 578 F.3d at 390-91, including a conspiracy claim. See Horton v. Martin, 137 F. App'x 773, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 2005); Gutierrez v. Lynch, 826 F.2d 1534, 1538, (6th Cir. 200

In Sum, Plaintiff has not submitted a clear and concise statement of factual allegations of unconstitutional conduct against each of the defendants. Due to the vast number of defendants, the multiple prisons, and the span of years at issue in his amended complaint, the Court cannot readily ascertain the factual specifics for the conspiracy claim against each of the particular defendants, let along the factual specifics for the conspiracy claim against each of the particular defendants, let along the factual specifics for the conspiracy claim against each of the particular defendants, let along the factual specifics for the conspiracy claim against each of the particular defendants, let along the factual specific s

#### III. Conclusion

For the reasons stated, the Court concludes that Plaintiff's amended complaint must be dismissed for failure to comply with Rule 8(a) and, additionally, for failure to allege sufficient facts to state a conspiracy claim upon which relief may be granted under § 1983 as to each of the defendants. Accordingly, the Court **DISMISSES WITH PREJUDICE** the amended civil rights complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2) and 1915A(b).

Lastly, the Court concludes that an appeal from this order cannot be taken in good faith. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); Coppedge v. United States, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962). This case is closed. IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Sean F. Cox
Sean F. Cox
United States District Judge

Dated: November 30, 2021



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEAN MICHAEL R'	YAN,#	<i>‡</i> 787263,
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Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2:20-CV-12502 HONORABLE SEAN F. COX

MICHIGAN, et al.,

v.

Defendants.

### **JUDGMENT**

The above-entitled matter having come before the Court on an amended civil rights complaint brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, the Honorable Sean F. Cox, United States District Judge, presiding, and in accordance with the Opinion and Order entered on this date;

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the amended civil rights complaint is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

s/Sean F. Cox
Sean F. Cox
United States District Judge

Dated: November 30, 2021

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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SEAN MICHAEL RYAN, #787263,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2:20-CV-12502 HONORABLE SEAN F. COX

v.

MICHIGAN, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER OF DEFICIENCY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY
WITH RULE 8 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL OF PROCEDURE

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Michigan prisoner Sean Michael Ryan ("Plaintiff"), confined at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson, Michigan, filed a *pro se* civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, as well as an application to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee for this action and a motion to stay the proceedings. In his nearly 700-page complaint, Plaintiff essentially challenges the medical care, pain treatment, and accommodations that he has received in multiple state prisons over the last 10 years. He names more than 360 defendants, including the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Corrections ("MDOC"), Corizon Healthcare, current and former MDOC directors, prison wardens, prison employees, and medical personnel, in this action and he seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages. ECF No. 1. The Court initially dismissed the case pursuant to the three strikes rule, ECF No. 4, but has since reconsidered its decision,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Court notes that Plaintiff has not provided copies of his complaint for service upon the defendants.

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reopened the case, ECF No. 8, and granted Plaintiff leave to proceed without prepayment of the fees and costs for this action. ECF No. 10.

#### II. DISCUSSION

Under the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1996 ("PLRA"), the Court is required to *sua sponte* dismiss an *in forma pauperis* complaint before service on a defendant if it determines that the action is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(c); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). The Court is similarly required to dismiss a complaint seeking redress against government entities, officers, and employees which is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. A complaint is frivolous if it lacks an arguable basis in law or in fact. *Denton v. Hernandez*, 504 U.S. 25, 31 (1992); *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989).

A pro se civil rights complaint is to be construed liberally. Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520-21 (1972). Nonetheless, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires that a complaint set forth "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief," as well as "a demand for the relief sought." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2), (3). The purpose of this rule is to "give the defendant fair notice of what the claim is and the grounds upon which it rests." Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (citation omitted). This notice pleading standard does not require "detailed" factual allegations, but does require more than the bare assertion of legal principles or conclusions. Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555. Rule 8 "demands more than an unadorned, the defendant-unlawfully-harmed me accusation." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009).

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"Factual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative level on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true (even if doubtful in fact)." *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 555-56 (citations and footnote omitted).

To state a civil rights claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that: (1) he was deprived of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the federal Constitution or laws of the United States; and (2) the deprivation was caused by a person acting under color of state law. *Flagg Bros.* v. *Brooks*, 436 U.S. 149, 155-57 (1978); *Harris v. Circleville*, 583 F.3d 356, 364 (6th Cir. 2009).

As noted, Plaintiff's complaint consists of nearly 700 pages, names over 360 defendants, involves allegations concerning his medical care and accommodations and related issues at several prisons, and spans a 10-year period. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), however, requires that a complaint set forth "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). A complaint violates Rule 8(a) and is subject to dismissal when it "is so verbose that the Court cannot identify with clarity the claim(s) of the pleader and adjudicate such claim(s) understandingly on the merits." Harrell v. Directors of Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs, 70 F.R.D. 444, 446 (E.D. Tenn. 1975); see also Plymale v. Freeman, 930 F.2d 919, 1991 WL 54882, \*1 (6th Cir. Apr. 12, 1991) (district court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing "rambling" 119-page complaint); Smith v. Smith, No. 06-11738, 2006 WL 3511565, \*4-6 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 5, 2006) (adopting magistrate judge's report and dismissing prisoner civil rights complaint for failure to comply with Rule 8(a)(2)); accord Flayter v. Wisconsin Dep't of Corr., 16 F. App'x 507, 509 (7th Cir. 2001) (dismissing 116-page complaint pursuant to Rule 8(a)(2)); Vicom, Inc. v. Harbridge Merchant Svs., Inc., 20 F.3d 771, 775-76 (7th Cir. 1994) (criticizing district court for declining to dismiss amended complaint with prejudice pursuant to Rule 8(a) and noting that "[a] complaint that is prolix and/or confusing makes it difficult for the defendant to file a responsive pleading and makes it difficult for the trial court to conduct orderly litigation); *Jennings v. Emry*, 910 F.2d 1434, 1436 (7th Cir. 1990) (stating that a complaint "must be presented with clarity sufficient to avoid requiring a district court or opposing party to forever sift through its pages"); *Michaelis v. Nebraska State Bar Ass 'n*, 717 F.2d 437, 438-39 (8th Cir. 1983) (per curiam) (affirming dismissal of 98-page complaint where "[t]he style and prolixity of these pleadings would have made an orderly trial impossible").

Plaintiff's nearly 700-page complaint against more than 360 defendants at various prisons covering allegations of improper conduct over a 10-year period fails to comply with Rule 8(a). The complaint involves a myriad of claims, dates, and factual allegations against the defendants which are difficult to review. Plaintiff has not submitted a clear and concise statement of factual allegations of unconstitutional conduct against each of the defendants. Due to the voluminous nature of the complaint, the Court cannot readily ascertain the factual specifics for each of Plaintiff's claims or the appropriate defendant/defendants for them, let alone determine whether the claims are properly exhausted and timely filed. Even a cursory review of the complaint is daunting. Neither the Court nor the defendants should be required to sift through almost 700 pages of materials to discern the who, what, and where of Plaintiff's claims and his bases for relief as to 360 defendants. Consequently, Plaintiff's complaint is subject to dismissal for failure to comply with Rule 8(a).<sup>2</sup>

Given that Plaintiff appears to have significant health issues and his complaint involves his medical care and accommodations in prison, however, the Court shall not dismiss the case outright, but shall instead provide Plaintiff with the opportunity to correct his pleading deficiency by filing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Court notes that some claims and/or defendants may also be mis-joined in this civil rights action given the nature and expanse of Plaintiff's claims and the number and location of the defendants. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 18(a), 20(a)(2), 21.

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an amended complaint that complies with Rule 8(a).

III. **CONCLUSION** 

For the reasons stated, the Court concludes that Plaintiff's current civil rights complaint fails

to comply with Rule 8(a) and is subject to dismissal. Rather than dismissing this case, however, the

Court concludes that Plaintiff should have the opportunity to correct his deficiency by filing an

amended complaint. Accordingly, Plaintiff may file an amended civil rights complaint that complies

with Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within 60 DAYS of the filing date of this

order. That complaint will supercede the current complaint. If he does not do so, the Court shall

dismiss the current complaint without prejudice for failure to comply with Rule 8(a) and close this

case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Sean F. Cox

SEAN F. COX

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: February 11, 2021

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEAN MICHAEL RYAN, #787263,

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Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2:20-CV-12502 HONORABLE SEAN F. COX

MICHIGAN, et al.,

v.

Defendants.

# ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND DENYING OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

This is a pro se civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Michigan prisoner Sean Michael Ryan ("Plaintiff") has filed a nearly 700-page complaint challenging the medical care, pain treatment, and accommodations that he has received in multiple state prisons over the last 10 years. He names more than 360 defendants, including the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Corrections ("MDOC"), Corizon Healthcare, current and former MDOC directors, prison wardens, prison employees, and medical personnel, and seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages. ECF No. 1.¹ The Court has granted him leave to proceed without prepayment of the fees and costs for this action. ECF No. 10.

In February, 2021, the Court issued a deficiency order informing Plaintiff that his complaint fails to comply with Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and giving him 60 days to file an amended complaint that complies with Rule 8(a) or face dismissal of this case. ECF No. 11. Plaintiff did not do so. Rather, he has filed several motions complaining about his inability to obtain supplies and make copies in order to file an amended complaint. He seeks a continuance, a

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temporary restraining order, and/or the appointment of counsel. ECF Nos. 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.

Having reviewed the matter, the Court orders Plaintiff to either show cause why this case

should not be dismissed based upon his failure to correct the deficiency or file an amended civil

rights complaint that complies with Rule 8(a) within 60 DAYS of the filing date of this order. If he

files an amended complaint, that complaint will supercede the current complaint. If he does not

respond or correct the deficiency, the Court shall dismiss the current complaint without prejudice

for failure to comply with Rule 8(a) and close this case.

Lastly, given that a proper civil rights complaint has yet to be filed in this case and in light

of the foregoing order, the Court declines to separately consider Plaintiff's pending motions. See

Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 (providing that the rules of civil procedure should be employed "to secure the just,

speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding"); Fed. R. Civ. P. 3 (a civil

action is commenced by filing a complaint), Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (requiring a complaint to include "a

short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief," as well as "a

demand for the relief sought"). Accordingly, the Court denies without prejudice those motions, ECF

Nos. 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Sean F. Cox

Sean F. Cox

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United States District Judge

Dated: October 5, 2021

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